SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST

(and strongest and bravest and smartest)

TRUE STORIES

A LONG WAY GONE By Ishmael Beah

Beah’s story of his life as a child soldier in Sierra Leone where, by the age of 14, he was addicted to drugs and a murderer. He ended up at a college in the United States. This is the story of his survival. (Book)

I SURVIVED on the Biography Channel

Shocking tales of real people who have lived to tell the tale of plane crashes, shark attacks and attempted murders. (TV)

NO CHOIRBOY By Susan Kuklin

Teenagers on death row tell their stories; how they ended up in jail and what they would change about their lives if they could. They talk about survival in jail and how they will survive differently if they can ever get out.(Book)

ONE DAY THE SOLDIERS CAME By Charles London

The startling accounts of children and teenagers in war-torn countries who have witnessed murder, rape and the destruction of their homes and families. Despite what they have experienced, they are full of hope. They are all survivors. (Book)

AWESOME SURVIVAL GUIDES

THE MAD STUDENT SURVIVAL GUIDE FOR THOSE BORED OF EDUCATION By the Usual Gang of Idiots

Hilarious ideas on how to succeed in school. Tips on kissing butt, coming up with snappy comebacks and getting A’s without trying too hard. (Book)

THE VAMPIRE SURVIVAL GUIDE: HOW TO FIGHT AND WIN AGAINST THE UNDEAD By Scott Bowen

Everything you need to know about how to recognize your target and the weapons you’ll need to kill them! (Book)

THE WORST-CASE SCENARIO SURVIVAL HANDBOOK By Joshua Piven and David Borgenicht

Real-life tips on how to break into a car, wrestle a bear and deliver a baby. You too can be a survivor! (Book)

THE ZOMBIE SURVIVAL GUIDE: COMPLETE PROTECTION FROM THE LIVING UNDEAD By Max Brooks

Complete with a list of recorded attacks from 60,000 BC to 2002, this guide tells you everything you need to know to protect yourself from getting bitten, eaten or turned into a zombie! (Book)

SURVIVING ON A DESERTED ISLAND

LORD OF THE FLIES By William Golding

When a group of high school boys find themselves on a desrted island the social dynamics shift as a result of the eerie energy coming from the jungle. (Book)

LOST on ABC

The suspenseful story of survivors of a fluke plane crash. They have each other to fear; as well as a mysterious beast in the jungle who feeds on human flesh. (TV)

SURVIVOR on CBS

This reality TV show depicts how hard it can be to survive on a deserted island. People have to eat bugs, complete physical challenges and in the end; there can only be ONE survivor. (TV)

YOU’VE GOT TO FIGHT TO SURVIVE!

CHAINS By Laurie Halse Anderson

It is Revolutionary War era New York City. Isabel is an African American slave working for a British-sympathizing family. The rebels approach her and promise freedom for her help. Isabel is both smart and brave, but can she become a spy? (Book)

HUNGER GAMES By Suzanne Collins

In post-apocolytpic America, Katniss and her people live in fear of the government in the Capital. Every year there is a tournament-style fight-to-the-death among teenagers from each of the 12 districts. This year Katniss is chosen. (Book)

LITTLE BROTHER By Cory Doctorow

It is the not-so-distant dystopic future. Marcus Yallow, computer genius, has found himself the target of the U.S. Department of Homeland security. What has he done? Has he done anything at all? (Book)

TYRELL By Coe Booth

Tyrell is 16 years old. He has a father in jail, a mother who can’t take care of herself and a seven-year-old brother. The family needs money and it’s up to Tyrell to get it. (Book)

“I’m a survivor, I’m not gonna give up, I’m not gonna stop,

I’m gonna work harder.” – Destiny’s Child